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OF

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LÉRAT'S SPECIFICATION.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, I, CHARLES LÉRAT, of Newman Street, in the Parish of Saint Mary-le-Bon, in the County Middlesex, Surgeon, send greeting.

WHEREAS I, the said Charles Lerat, did, by my Petition, humbly represent
5 sent unto His Majesty that I had, after long study, labour, and experience, invented and found out "A CERTAIN POWDER CALLED THE POUDRE UNIQUE, OF A PARTICULAR EFFECT TO PURIFY THE HUMAN BLOOD, AND CURE THE RHEUMATISM, SCURVEY, JAUNDICE, AND ALL DISORDERS ARISING FROM A FOULNESS OF BLOOD," and that no other person had invented or prepared the said medicine
10 to my knowledge and belief; I therefore most humbly prayed His Majesty that he would be graciously pleased to grant unto me, my executors, administrators, and assigns, His Majesty's Royal Letters Patent for the sole preparing and vending the said powder within His said Majesty's Kingdom of Great Britain, His Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick-upon-Tweed, and also within
15 all His said Majesty's Colonies or Plantations abroad, for the space of fourteen years, according to the Statute in that case made and provided; and whereas, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Great Britain, bearing date the Twenty-third day of December, in the tenth year of His said Majesty's reign, after reciting the said Petition, and also reciting that His Majesty, being
20 willing to give encouragement to all arts and inventions which might be for the publick good, was graciously pleased to condescend to my request, His

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said Majesty, of His special grace, certain knowledge, and meer motion, did, for Himself, His heirs and successors, give and grant unto me, the said Charles Lerat, my executors, administrators, and assigns, His special licence, full power, sole privilege, and authority, that I, the said Charles Lerat, my executors, administrators, and assigns, and every of them, by myself and them- 5 selves, or by my or their deputy or deputys, servants or agents, or such others as I, the said Charles Lerat, my executors, administrators, or assigns, should at any time agree with, and no others, from time to time and at all times thereafter during the term of years therein expressed, should and lawfully might make, use, exercise, and vend my said Invention within that said 10 part of His said Majesty's Kingdom of Great Britain called England, His Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick-upon-Tweed, and also in all His said Majesty's Colonies and Plantations abroad, in such manner as to me, the said Charles Lerat, my executors, administrators, and assigns, or any of them, should in my or their discretions seem meet, and that I, the said 15 Charles Lerat, my executors, administrators, and assigns, should and lawfully might have and enjoy the whole profit, benefit, and advantage from time to time coming, growing, accruing, and arising by reason of the said Invention, for and during the term of years therein mentioned, to have hold, exercise, and enjoy the said licence, powers, privileges, and advantages therein-before 20 granted or mentioned to be granted unto me, the said Charles Lerat, my executors, administrators, and assigns, for and during and unto the full end and term of fourteen years from the date of the said Letters Patent next and immediately ensuing, and fully to be compleat and ended, according to the Statute in such case made and provided; in which said Letters Patent is 25 contained a proviso that if I, the said Charles Lerat, should not particularly describe and ascertain the nature of my said Invention, and in what manner the same is to be prepared, by an instrument in writing under my hand and seal, and cause the same to be inrolled in His Majesty's High Court of Chancery within four calendar months next and immediately after the date of those 30 His said Majesty's Letters Patent, that then those His said Majesty's Letters Patent, and all liberties and advantages whatsoever thereby granted, should utterly cease, determine, and become void, anything therein-before contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

NOW KNOW YE, that I, the said Charles Lerat, in compliance with the 35 said proviso, do hereby describe and ascertain the nature of my said Invention, which is to be prepared in the manner following (that is to say):—

Of antimony, prepared, two ounces, and mercury, prepared, two ounces, dissolved and divided in aqua regalis; put the whole, with an handfull of com-

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mon salt, in a large bottle for to mix it well, then put it in a pipkin and wash it eight or ten times with clean water; let it dry, and throw thereon good spirit of wine; set it on fire, stirring it always, then add of salt of cinnamon one ounce; throw thereon again spirit of wine, set it on fire, stirring it all the 5 while; do the same over again five or six times, and let it dry.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this Eighteenth day of April, in the tenth year of the reign of His said Majesty King George the Third over Great Britain, France, and Ireland, and in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and 10 seventy.

C. LERAT. (L.S.)

Sealed and delivered (being first duly stampd) in the presence of

I. PHILPOT.

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BIGOE HENZELL.

AND BE IT REMEMBRED, that the Twenty-first day of April, in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy, the aforesaid Charles Lerat came before our said Lord the King in His Chancery, and acknowledged the Instrument aforesaid, and all and every thing therein con- 20 tained and specified, in form above written. And also the Instrument aforesaid was stampd according to the tenor of the Statute made in the sixth year of the reign of the late King and Queen William and Mary of England, and so forth.

MONTAGU.

Inrolled the Twenty-first day of April, in the year last above written.

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